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NORMS FOR DEFENCE PURCHASE
B.K. PARTHASARATHI

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new norms for defence purchases are considered too rigid by the representatives of defence industry as mentioned in the news-item `Defence purchase norms exacting` appearing in `The Hindu` dated March 17, 2002;

(b) if so, the objections raised in this regard; and

(c) the steps, if any proposed to be taken to relax the norms?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Government has not received any representation from the defence industry regarding the norms being rigid.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to relax the norms.